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In re Application of

Yoshikawa, Shigettaka et al

Application No. 10/388,984

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For: MOUNTING STRUCTURE AND

METHOD FOR HEAT ACCUMULATION TANK

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION

37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed Nov. 2, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are dismissed.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition met all conditions except Item #5 above. The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail to include: a copy of the Japanese language Office action (refusal) and its English translation.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be faxed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-273-4856. Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-272-4856.

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